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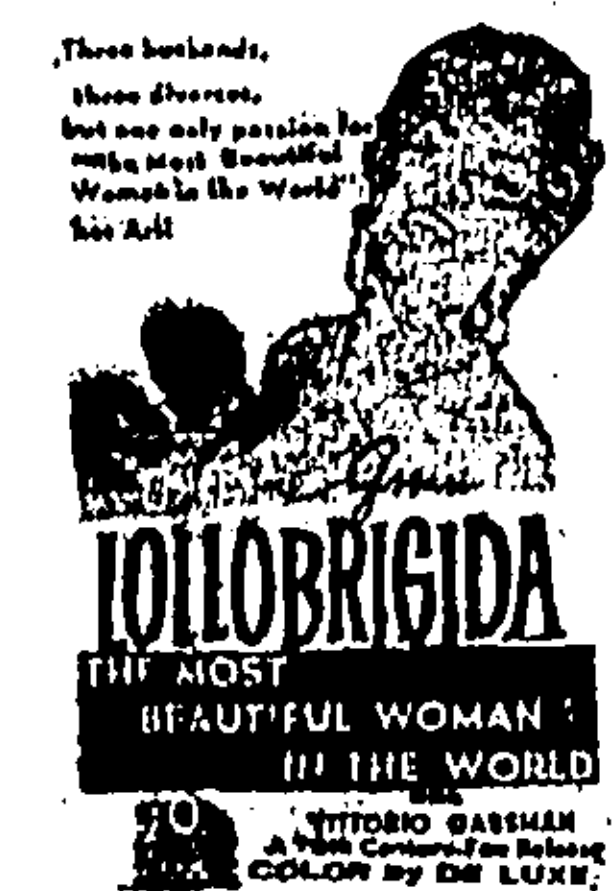
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## NATO FLEET HAS MISSILES

Soviet Submarine  
Menace Greater  
Than Nazi U-Boat

Paris, Apr. 15.

Admiral Jereuld Wright, Supreme Commando of NATO's Atlantic Fleet, told a press conference today the fleet had "ships with anti-aircraft missiles and also with longer range missiles for the destruction of other ships and of land targets."

He added: "We also have a certain number of submarines from which missiles can be launched."

Asked whether these missiles contained atomic warheads, Admiral Wright, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet, said he could not discuss that question.

What he could say was that the United States navy did have the capability of launching aircraft carrying atomic weapons, he added.

## Keep Sea Open

Oil Combine  
To Build  
RefineryColombo, Apr. 16.  
An Anglo-American oil combine, comprising four big companies, will be awarded a government franchise to build a refinery here, according to informed sources.

The combine of Shell, British Petroleum, Standard Vacuum, and Caltex, reportedly, submitted new proposals to the Ministry of Industries regarding the project. The new proposals, it was reported, met with government favour.

Other contenders for the refinery franchise include Russian oil interests and an Indian combine backed by Persian and French financiers, and the US firm of Foreign Research.

The Ministry of Industries spokesman said there was "difficulty" in agreeing on a site for the refinery, but that the Anglo-American combine's new proposals were more acceptable. The Government rejected previous proposals as too "monopolistic."

The refinery is expected to cost somewhere between 24-million dollars and 40-million dollars.—United Press.

Beauty Salon  
ChargedHollywood, Apr. 15.  
The Hungarian actress, Zsa Zsa Gabor, filed suit today against a Beverly Hills beauty shop for \$40,000 damages, claiming that her blonde hair began falling out in large quantities after application of a bleach.

The actress, who recently declined to have her hair bleached for a film role, charged in a complaint against the Ritz Young Beauty Salon that the bleach, applied on January 9, burned her scalp and caused her hair to become split.

The suit, filed in nearby Santa Monica, alleged that the loss of some of her hair forced her to cancel motion picture and television commitments. She asked \$20,000 for the loss and another \$20,000 for loss of work.—United Press.

VICAR LEAVES:  
BRITAIN TOO  
EXPENSIVELondon, Apr. 15.  
The Rev. Paul Atkins, parish vicar who said he could no longer afford to live in England, left for Australia with his family today.

The 47-year-old former vicar of Hoxdown said he had to take a part time job as a clerk to make ends meet. He is married and has three teenage children. All left with him today aboard the liner "Orontes." They plan to settle in a country parish at Beverley, near Perth.—United Press.

**EMPIRE**  
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(THE ROAD)

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TO EAST  
BEGINS

London, Apr. 15.

Twenty people set off today on a pioneer 10,000-mile trip by coach through 15 countries from London to Calcutta.

Most of them have thrown up jobs and spent their savings on the journey.

The organizer of the journey is Oswald Garrow Fisher who will drive the coach. His advertisement brought him 200 replies mostly from young women.

Single fare for the trip is £80 and £65 for the return. The route is via Paris, Lyons, Turin, Milan, Venice, Belgrade, Sophia, Istanbul and Ankara to Tehran and Pakistan.

On the return route, the organizer hopes that Syria and Jordan will be open to tourists.—France-Press.

Injured  
Authoress  
Improves

Paris, Apr. 15.

The condition of 21-year-old Francoise Sagan, the authoress of 'Tristesse', badly injured in a car crash yesterday, showed slight improvement tonight.

Her brother Jacques, leaving her bedside, told the Press that although her condition remained serious there was now hope for life.

The doctors decided today to take the young authoress out from the oxygen tent where she has been since last night.

Miss Sagan, suffering from skull fractures and broken bones, including a broken wrist which causes her much pain, was given strong doses of morphine, and slipped into unconsciousness again.

One of the doctors in attendance said tonight that despite a slight improvement, no diagnosis of her many injuries could be definitely made before 48 hours.—France-Press.

QUAKER WANTS  
TO ACCOMPANY  
'SUICIDE' FLEET

London, Apr. 15.

Mr Harold Steele, a British Quaker who wants to sail with a Japanese "suicide" fleet into the area set aside for Britain's coming nuclear tests in the Pacific, said today he had booked air passages for himself and his wife to Fiji on May 4.

He told reporters he hoped to "revise the same kind of protest" against the nuclear tests among the Fiji population.

Mr Steele said he was still awaiting to hear whether the Japanese Government would grant him a visa.

He gave the names of his two Japanese co-passengers as Mrs. Takako Kawai, the wife of the principal of Aichi University, and Iwao Hasegawa, of the Hasegawa Trading Company.

The whole matter is now reported to Tokyo, but I have made all reservations to the Fiji as an alternative," he added.

Mrs. Steele, of Malvern, Gloucestershire, said they were going ahead with their plans to reach the Pacific area, leaving their three children, with friends here.

Ten people were reportedly to be willing to join the Quaker couple in their protest trip.—Rouher.

## The Queen At The Louvre



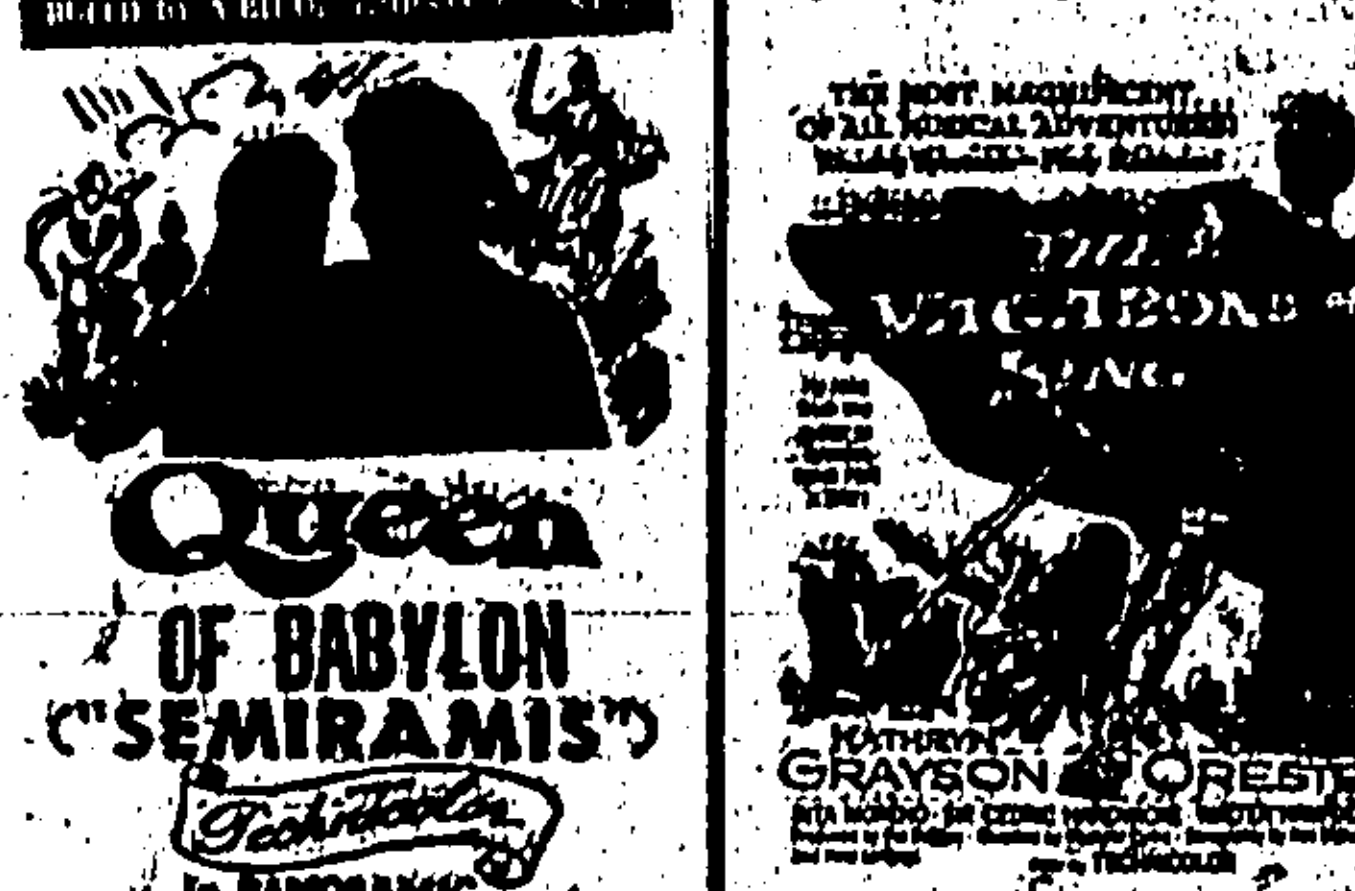
The Queen, magnificently gowned in a dress of a brilliant kingfisher blue, is accompanied by Mr. Guy Mollet on her arrival at the Louvre last week for the banquet, given in her honour by the French Government. This was the Queen's last official engagement of her State Visit.—Reutersphoto.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

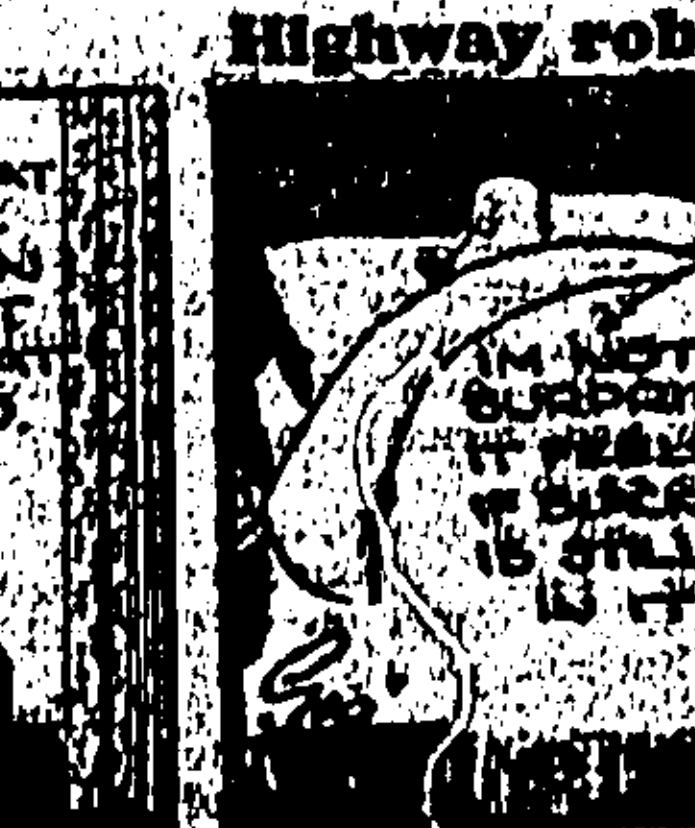
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## FORSOOTH!

'twas India that invented Metric Money

THE man in a swaddling dot, sitting cross-legged among piled-up nuts and spices in the bazaar and the man in city clothes standing behind the hotel desk are counting on their fingers this week.

Reason for these mental gymnastics—The currency has been changed from the annas and pies so puzzling to foreigners to what any other country but India would call cents.

Have they have the unwieldy name of naya paise, which means "new money."

There are of course, 100 naya paise to the rupee (1/6d). In shops and stores Indians are arguing over conversion tables cut from news-

New Delhi, papers because charges for postage stamps and newspapers are now in the new currency although the old annas and pies will still be used for months before the shiny new coin, are in full circulation.

Said Premier Nehru, introducing the new coinage: "We are not adopting anything alien. India gave the world long ago the great discovery of zero and numerals and, later, the beginning of what became known as the metric system saw the light because of Indian genius. So we go back to our own."

Meanwhile, finger-counting and head-scratching goes on.

STEPHEN HARPER

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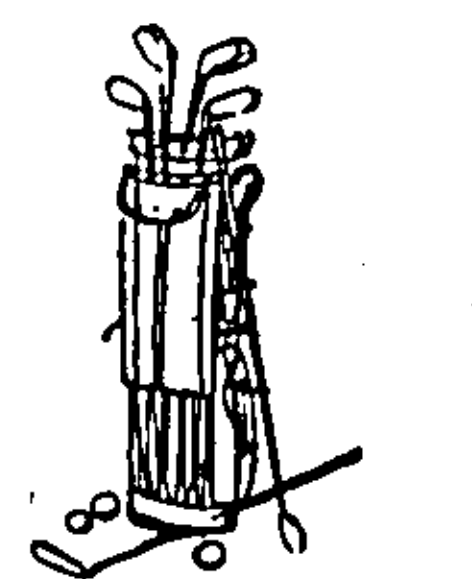
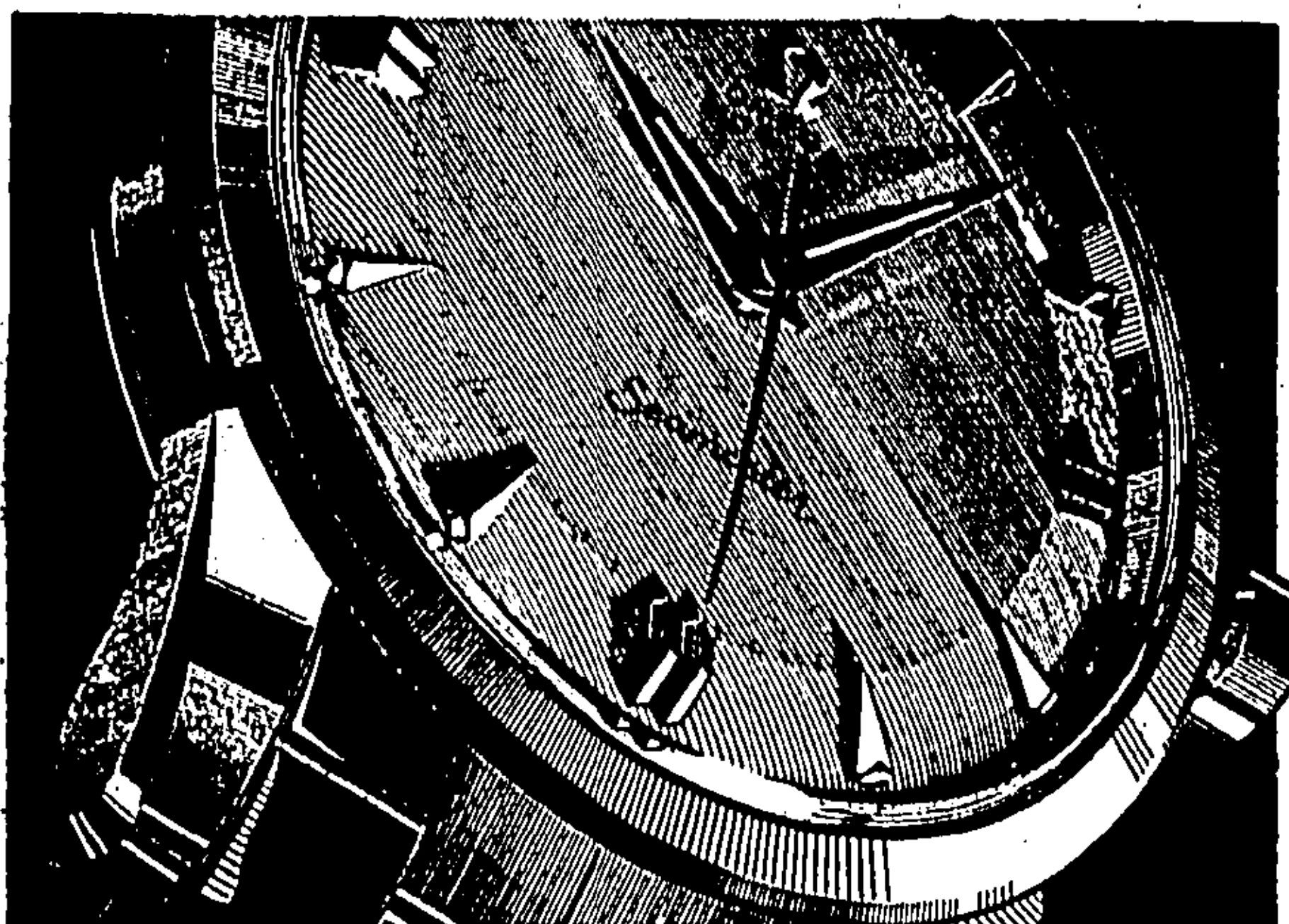
# And there stood Murder

★ TAKING a job as cook-housekeeper, Widow Morton finds herself caught up in a mystery. Invalid Mrs Carrington, wife of the widow's employer, dies from poisoning. Fear and suspicion fill the old rectory. NOW read on.



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# Madman Alone

HITLER'S Deputy Rudolf Hess has been in prison ever since his dramatic bid to end the war in 1941. Alone in a cell, in a prison for 550—his guard, between 100 and 180 soldiers.

Aged, haggard Rudolf Hess probably is the only German alive today who still openly acknowledges the leadership of Adolf Hitler.

In his cell at four-power Spandau prison, Hess berates himself on the glories of the dead Fuehrer and his own role as Hitler's deputy.

Sometimes, carried away by emotion, he sings the "Horst Wessel" song and attempts to goose-step in a cell 10 feet long and 6 feet wide.

He has been a prisoner since May, 1941, when he made his mysterious flight to Scotland without Hitler's knowledge to give Britain peace terms.

Now 62, he will end his days in prison or in a madhouse.

The four-power Nuremberg military tribunal sentenced him to life for crimes against world peace and planning and starting a war of aggression.

Hess has aged far beyond his years. His features are haggard,

most untidy, although once he took pride in his cabbage.

Some think Hess is insane, but most observers at Spandau think he probably only is eccentric.

Except for his Nazi outbursts and occasional shouts of

guard ranges from about 100 soldiers when the Americans have the rotating prison chairmanship, to some 180 when the Soviets have the chair. The United States, British, French and Soviets take turns providing the guard.

The Soviets have put out feelers for closing down the prison, and putting Hess in a hospital and the others in another gaol.

But such a step does not appear to be imminent.

In the prison along with Hess are Nazi youth leader Baldur von Schirach, who is serving a 20-year term; munitions boss Albert Speer, 20 years; and Finance Minister Walther Funk, life.

Admiral Karl Doenitz was released last year after serving a 10-year term. Earlier, Admiral Erich Raeder and Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath were released because of age and poor health.

## FROM SPANDAU Joseph Fleming

his eyes sunken under beetle brows. In his grey prison uniform he has the appearance of a bony-looking scarecrow.

Of the four prisoners still left in the West Berlin prison, Hess is by far the most difficult. He complains bitterly of poor health, alleging heart, stomach and kidney ailments.

Once he worked regularly in the prison laundry, but now the four-power guards can get him to do little work.

Of all the garden patches in the prison courtyard, his is the

"Hell Hitler" Hess speaks little to anyone. He appears to live in a world of his own.

He steadfastly refuses to attend religious services—in a cell converted into a chapel—and he does not allow his family to visit him.

Of the seven top Nazis sentenced to serve their terms in Spandau in 1946, only four are left.

They are all alone in a prison built for 550 prisoners, their

## By Anthony Gilbert

I TRIED to sort things out in my mind. After Philippa came down from her aunt's room we had stayed in the kitchen—oh, quite twenty minutes—talking before we went upstairs. She had been in a state of considerable distress, and what could you make of that?

Of course, she might simply be afraid her aunt was dying and be recalling that other occasion when someone else close to her had died of poison. Her husband—had she hated him? And if so why? In any case it was unnatural. A young man doesn't commit suicide unless there's something badly wrong, and I wondered how much she knew that she'd never chosen to tell.

Or had she deliberately kept me down there, knowing more about the effects of digitalis than I? Well, it seemed that the choice now was between Philippa Deane and some other member of the household who had come back by stealth, propped up the sick woman and got away, unnoticed. It would be so easy. The kitchen was shut off from the rest of the house and if Philippa and I had been talking we should bear nothing.

The grass verge came almost to the "French windows, and a man (or woman) moving softly wouldn't make a sound.

Or woman? That gave me a fresh idea. Marcus wasn't the only person who had been out that evening. How about Nurse Cutler? What alibi had she?

What alibi had she?

I remembered old Mrs Hutchinson's hideous suggestion that I might be too much interested in Marcus for his wife's good—wouldn't that apply to Nurse Cutler, too? It might.

But—I was working this out like a jigsaw puzzle—even if his wife was dead what guarantee had I that the widow would offer her marriage? I couldn't suppose she wanted him for his money since he seemed to have so little, but suppose she had fallen for him, as they say so vulgarly nowadays?

And then I saw it. Suppose Marcus was arrested and found guilty—who would be his money?

The obvious answer seemed to be Trent, his nephew, presumably his next-of-kin. Would Trent take such a long chance? But really it wasn't so long.

Well, then, if his reasons weren't financial, and there was no reason to suppose they were, why was he here?

The only answer I could discover was Philippa Deane. As to why she was here I imagined it was because she was afraid of her story following her round, whereas here it was known.

But even if Trent was in love with Philippa how would it help him poison Eleanor Carrington?

I couldn't dismiss that as absurd because—well, look at me. And I've never regarded myself as an impressionable woman. So—and it was then that the hideous word "blackmail" sprang into my mind.

Suppose Marcus didn't get arrested. Trent was no worse off. And very likely he couldn't afford to marry at the present time.

I threw my pencil down.

## Embittered

Really, I knew too little about everyone. I didn't know what money Philippa had or where it came from. I didn't know where Joy Barnslow fitted in. But whether Dr Grynling was in love with Philippa or not I was dead sure Trent was.

I remembered the day I found them together, and her cry of anguish: "I couldn't stand it again!" Of course, there was always the chance that Philippa herself would be accused, and her past would stand her in pretty poor stead. Would Trent think of that?

Ah, but I'd always heard that murderers were men (and women) of one idea. They didn't look ahead. If he resolved to poison Mrs Carrington with the intention of getting Marcus hanged, he wouldn't go more than an obstacle being removed from his path. And to an embittered young man of his experience would a life—or even two—seem particularly important?

He had so little—health gone, future gone—the only thing left to him in the maelstrom of post-war existence was this beautiful woman he so patently loved. I even began to wonder if he could have told us more about the late Mr Deane's death than had ever come to light.

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## Characters in the Case

CENTRAL figure in the story is widowed Mrs MERTON, gentlewoman cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons. They are commercial artist MARCU CARRINGTON and his invalid wife, who dies of poisoning. TRENT CARRINGTON, a war-wounded nephew, and MRS PHILIPPA DEANE, a niece of the nervy type. Mrs Carrington was looked after by NURSE CUTLER and visited by DR GRAYLING. An interesting outsider, blonde JOY BARNESLOW, comes to help in the garden, and another outsider is MRS HUTCHINSON, the daily help. Sennacherib, the cat, completes the household.

member the household could go down there, and I doubted whether their absence could be noted....

## Discovery!

I came to the conclusion that nature had never intended me to be a sleuth, and I had just decided to stop my theories, when I saw the glaring omission I had made. I had assumed that the digitalis must have come from the doghouse at the foot of the garden. But had it?

Mightn't digitalis have been used just for that reason, that it was available to everyone?

I don't remember how long I sat there—hours I daresay. But at last I got up and went out to the kitchen and made myself a cup of tea, and with it still gleaming forgotten on my desk I stared down at my jigsaw puzzle and knew that I had found out at last how the murder had been committed.

When a knock sounded at my door I nearly yipped out of my skin.

"Come in," I said in a voice that didn't sound like my own.

The door opened slowly, and there—if my guess was right—stood MURDER on the threshold.

TOMORROW—the fifth feature woman writer CHRISTIANNA BRAND begins the new chapters.







## ORIOLES BEAT SENATORS 7-6

# President Eisenhower Munches Peanuts, Cheers, Sees Washington Lose

Washington, Apr. 15. President Eisenhower threw out two ceremonial "first" balls today and then watched in disappointment as the Baltimore Orioles scored a 7-6 victory over the Washington Senators in a tense 11-inning season opener.

The President and a disappointingly small opening day crowd of 28,872 sat through three hours and 17 minutes of sometimes thrilling, sometimes rigged baseball on this sunny but chilly day.

Eisenhower was the only starting "pitcher" who was still around at the end of the marathon battle between the two 100 to 1 shots in the American League pennant race. Baltimore used four pitchers and the victory finally went to a Brooklyn Dodgers cast-off—Billy Loes—who clinched the triumph with the help of an 11th-inning lead-off double by

an ex-Dodger teammate, Dick Williams. Williams brought home the winning run on a fly to center by rookie Carl Fowler after being moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Al Pillarick. Washington started Bob Chalkales, a relief pitcher who was seeking his first complete game since 1953. He gave way after seven innings, to Camillo Pascual who was charged with the loss.

President Eisenhower, munching peanuts and keeping his own score card, sat through to the end in the futile hope that the home team would pull this one out for him. But it was not to be.

## A CHORE

Keeping a scorecard was something of a chore today, for Baltimore manager Paul Richards used 10 players—switching them around to beat Washington's Don Larsen, of his vain effort to win this one for the President.

President Eisenhower stood and cheered lustily in the fourth inning when the Senators overcame a 2-0 deficit and exploded for five runs, two of them on a long triple by Chalkales. The outburst sent Baltimore's starter, Hector (Skinny) Brown to the showers, and brought in Mike Fornieles.

But Washington's 5-2 margin was wiped out single-handedly by big Gus Triandos. The Baltimore catcher, who started the game in the ball game in the fifth when he unloaded a two-run single. Then he put them in front temporarily, 6-5, when he boomed a 400-foot homer into the left center field bleachers behind Bob Nieman's triple in the seventh.

President Eisenhower watched dejectedly as Triandos cleared the bases. But in the home half of the eighth he was on his feet cheering when catcher Clint Courtney blasted a ground-rule double into the center-field bullpen to score Eddie Yost, who had opened the inning with a walk.

## CHEERING AGAIN

He was up cheering again in the top of the ninth, when Baltimore's Pillarick—his spikes riding high—came roaring into home with the potential winning run only to be thrown out on a great play by Eddie Yost and Courtney. Yost fielded a hard smash off Triandos' last and fired the ball to Courtney who stood his ground and tagged out Pillarick.

A double play choked off what appeared to be the makings of a winning Washington rally in the ninth, Courtney bouncing into an inning-ending play after Yost and Jim Lemon had singled. Baltimore clinched it in the 11th when Williams opened with a double to left, moved to third on Pillarick's sacrifice and scored home on Fowler's fly.

Loes, who took over from Billy Odell in the 10th, snipped off a budding Washington rally in the 14th to preserve his victory.

Baltimore raked Chalkales and Pascual for 15 assorted hits. Triandos was the big gun with a single, home run and double in that order. He drove in four runs.

This was Eisenhower's fifth performance as an Honorary Opening Day "pitcher." Emulating the New York Yankee's Don Larsen, the President skipped a wind-up for his two ceremonial pitches from his private box behind first base. His first—on an overhead blower—was a historic one. The ball he threw was the 10 millionth manufactured for the Major Leagues. It was caught by Baltimore pitcher Don Fornieles, autographed by the President, and will be sent on to Cooperstown, New York, to be enshrined in Baseball's Hall of Fame.

**THE SCORES**  
Baltimore 110-020-200-01-7-15-3  
Washington 000-500-010-00-0-11-2  
Brown, Fornieles (4), Odell (9), Loes (10) and Triandos: Chalkales, Pascual (8) and Courtney. WP—Loes (1-0). LP—Pascual (0-1). HR—Triandos (1st).—United Press.

## Sports Diary

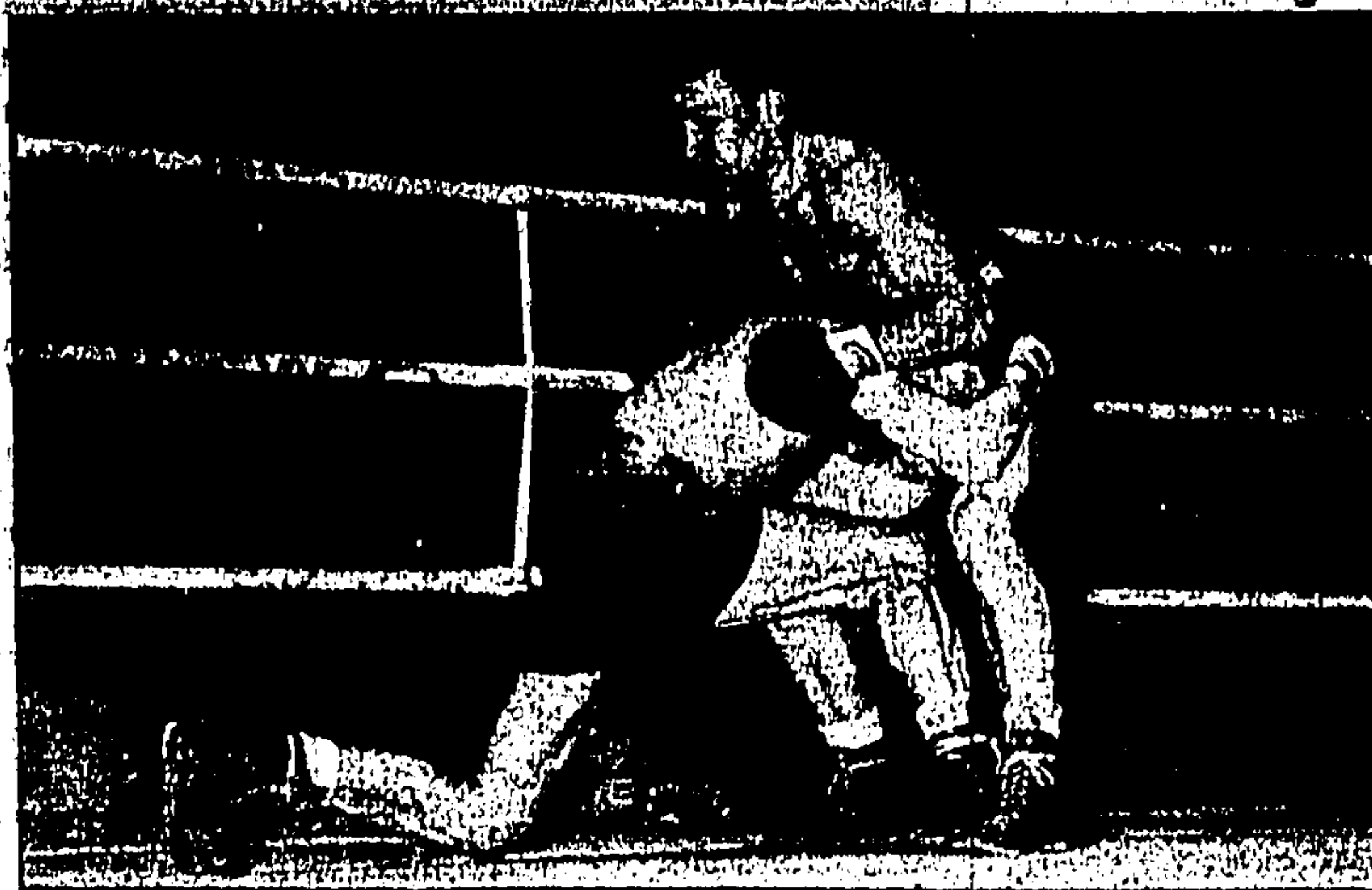
## TODAY

Ladies' International: Final: England v Portugal at Southampton, 6 p.m.  
Men's International: Portugal v Ireland at Recife, 5.30 p.m.  
Schoolboys' Soccer: Hongkong v Taiwan at Caroline Hill 6 p.m.

## TOMORROW

Men's Hockey League: Army "A" v Navy at Southampton, 5.30 p.m.  
RAF Annual Athletic Championships at Kai Tak, 2.30 p.m.  
HK Lawn Tennis League Entries close.

## Boxing, Not Wrestling



This may look like a wrestling match, but it isn't. This picture was snapped at the British Lightweight Championship fight between Joe Lucy (the holder) and Dave Charnley of Dartford at Harringway on April 9. Charnley was the winner on points.

## Home Rugger Results

London, Apr. 15. Results of Rugby Union matches played today were as follows:  
Bridgewater and Albion 10.  
Bleddyn Williams XV 21.

Hullfax 3, Swansea 3.  
Llanelli 27, Gareth Griffiths XV 9.  
Pentryn 6, Macclesfield 18.  
Redruth 3, Bristol 13.  
Torquay 3, Bridgton 6.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

Results of Rugby League matches played tonight were:  
Barrow 11, St Helen's 8.  
Bradford Northern 7, Huddersfield 26.  
Hunslet 39, Doncaster 0.  
Oldham 38, Swinton 13.  
Wigan 26, Leigh 9.  
Inter Club Championships:  
Hullfax 33, Carcassonne (France) 10.  
Hull 19, Abbi (France) 19.—Reuter.

## Old-Time Star Baseballer Dies

Palestine, Texas, Apr. 15. Jack Coombs, brilliant right-hander on some of Connie Mack's great Philadelphia Athletics teams, who reached his peak when he won three games in the 1910 World Series, died today at 74.

A native of Le Grande, Iowa, Coombs had a lifetime record of 153 victories and 122 losses in the majors in a career that began in 1906 with the Philadelphia Athletics and ended in 1920 with the Detroit Tigers. Coombs also was non-playing manager of the Philadelphia Phillies in 1919.

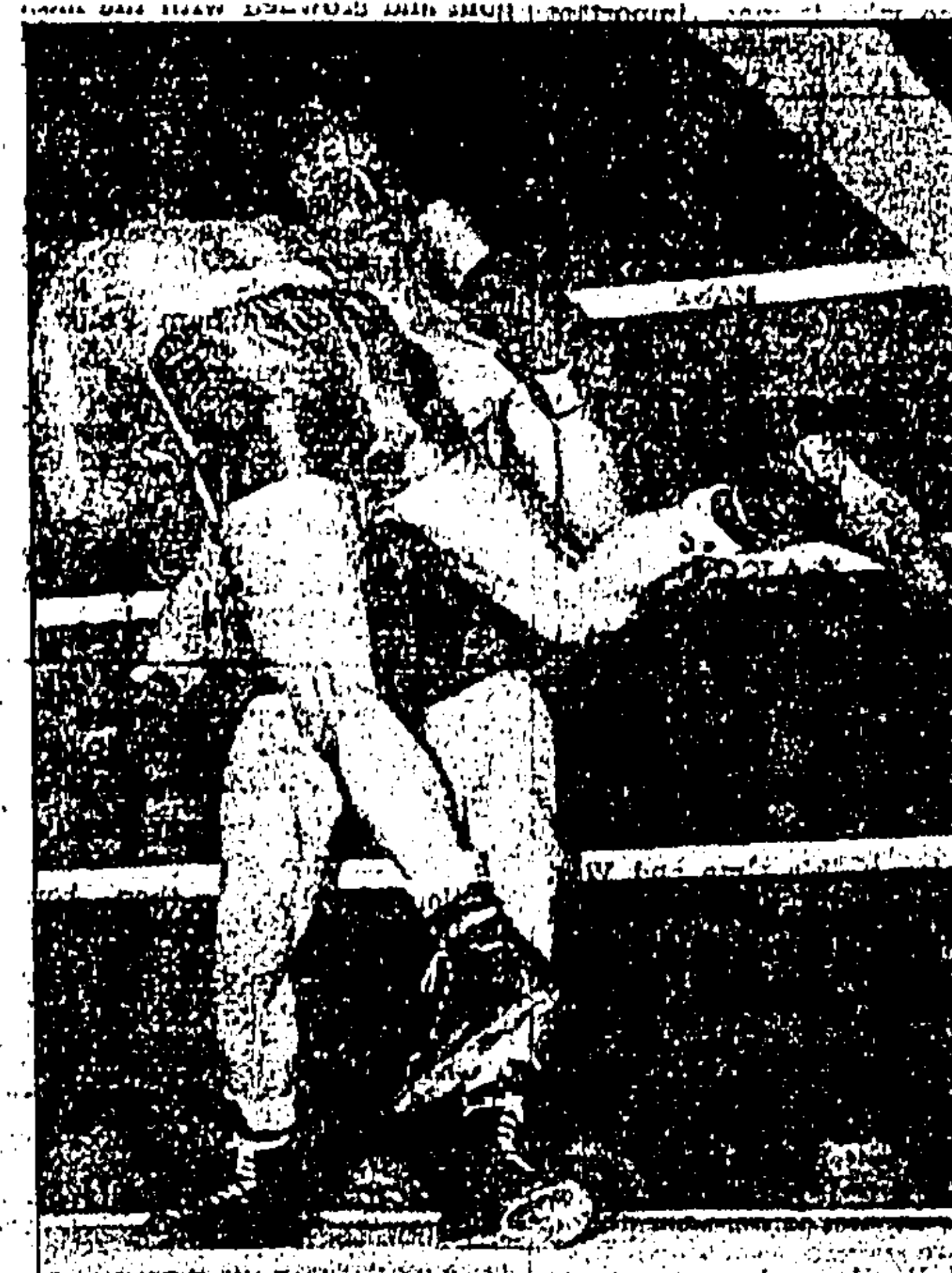
Coombs, a key member of an athletic staff that included Chief Bender and Eddie Plank, had his best season in 1910 when he won 31 games and lost nine.

He beat the Chicago Cubs three times in the World Series that season and went on to the following year to post a 28-13 record, and score another World Series win over Christy Mathewson and the New York Giants.—United Press.

## U.S. Table Tennis Championships

South Bend, Apr. 15. America's No. 2 table tennis player, Bernard Bilitz, won the United States 1957 men's singles title here when he defeated Edwin Tolan, the favorite, 21-17, 17-21, 21-11 and 21-17.

Mrs. Leah Neuberger retained her women's singles title by defeating Mildred Shalhan 21-10, 21-17, and 21-17.—France-Press.



From the same fight. Again it looks more like wrestling. Here Lucy, facing camera, resists a flying assault from Charnley in Round 5.—Central Press Photos.

## The Scottish League Standard Has Dropped Since The War

Says ARCHIE QUICK

The standard of Scottish League football has dropped since the war and has never reached pre-war levels. That is the opinion of officials of "average" First Division clubs like Glasgow's Celtic and Partick Thistle. Mr Tommy Reid, Thistle director and Hon. Treasurer of the Scottish Football Association, holds the view that the play of the "big" clubs—Rangers, Celtic, Hearts, Hibs, Aberdeen etc.—has fallen considerably in the last three seasons and even at that time three years ago it was never as good as in 1939 and before.

"The play of our recent international sides is a yardstick," he says. "The skill is lower and there is an absence of big personalities. I am afraid that our leading players who are part-timers are distracted by lucrative incomes from other sources. They do not seem to realise that it is football that has made possible those other sources being opened up to them."

Celtic official Mr John Allison said some of the players getting "cash" today would not have been considered in 1939. "But that does not apply to Scotland only," he added. "It goes for the other Home countries, too."

John Charles, the mighty Welsh giant, told me he wished Great Britain would combine for the World Cup. "We could pick eleven players from the four countries to beat the lot," he said.

This would be a sound idea, but it should not be done piecemeal. Add England's or Scotland's players to a choice from Charles, Allison, Haynes, Taylor, Byrne and Blanchflower, etc., and what a side it would be!

Big John said it was always his ambition to play for a Welsh or London club in the First Division, but he was quite happy at Leeds. With a side like a family and a job, he said.

## American AAU 'Interested' In Soviet Invitation

New York, Apr. 15. Mr. Dan Ferris, Secretary of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union, said today that the AAU was "interested" in a Soviet invitation for American athletes to compete in Moscow in July.

Mr Ferris told Reuter that a cable invitation had been received from Soviet officials and he was now awaiting a letter giving full details of the invitation.

He said that the membership of the AAU's Foreign Relations Committee would be asked to vote on whether to accept the invitation.

The next meeting of the Committee is not being held until June, Mr Ferris added, and the vote would therefore have to be taken by mail.

## SOME DIVISION

Mr Ferris declared: "There's some division of feeling in the matter, but that will all come out."

He said that the Americans who would go to Moscow, if the invitation were accepted, would be chosen from the winners of the AAU Championships in Dayton, Ohio, starting on June 21.

Mr Ferris said that the question of whether to issue a return invitation for a Soviet team to visit the U.S. also would be discussed by AAU members.

The Russian invitation had been open for three days, beginning on July 12, Mr Ferris added.—Reuter.

## Three Polo Teams To Visit England This Season

London, Apr. 15. India is among the three foreign countries to send polo teams to England for the forthcoming season, it was announced here today.

Argentina and Jamaica are the other two countries. Aware of the strong overseas competition, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who will be playing with the English team, has started training on the lawns of Windsor Castle.—France-Press.

## WEIGHTLIFTING RECORD

Moscow, Apr. 15. Soviet weightlifting champion Ravil Khambudinov broke his own world lightweight record for a two-hand press with 125 kilograms, it was announced here today.

His previous record was 123 kilograms.—France-Press.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

## Will Smith Surprises In Dallas Open

Dallas, Apr. 15. Today Will Smith parlayed a low set of 89 into the first tournament title of her brief four-month professional career today when she outstepped the veterans to win the \$7,500 Dallas Women's Open golf tournament with a 235. The 28-year-old Chicagoan, who won the British and French amateur crowns before turning professional last winter, picked up the \$1,318 first prize with an unspectacular 30-37-75 on the final round after pulling into a tie at the 35-hole mark with Marjorie Blayney Hodge and a three under par 210.

**PATTY BERG SECOND**  
Miss Smith's score gave her a three-stroke lead over veteran Patty Berg of St. Louis, Illinois, whose 70-73 over the final 36 holes today put her at 288 and added \$920 to her season's winnings.

Mrs Hodge, whose name had been the most consistent throughout the week, preceding tournaments and the final round of this one, saw her putting touch and her wood game collapse in this afternoon's final round as she scored to an eight over par 289, worth \$760 for third place.

Joan Ziegenfuss of Watford, Wisconsin, and Mary Lee Gault of Thomaston, Georgia, tied for fourth place and won \$598 each. Betty Johnson of San Antonio picked up the \$474 sixth place money with a 294.—United Press.

## Home Soccer Results

Results of Football League matches played tonight were:

**DIVISION I**  
Barnley 2, Aston Villa 1  
Wolves 2, West Brom. 2  
**DIVISION II**  
Notts Forest 3, West Ham 0  
Southend 3, QPR 0  
**DIVISION III**  
Hullford 0, Gateshead 1  
Mansfield 2, Wyndham 1  
Tranmere 0, Bradford City 0  
**SCOTTISH LEAGUE**  
Division I  
Raith Rovers 4, Stirling Albion 2  
Division II  
Arbroath 1, Dundee 3  
Th. Lanark 2, Dundee U.S. 3.—Reuter.

## SPORTS ROUND-UP

## Record-Breaking Season For Lewis Jones

A Wembley appearance in the Rugby League Cup final on May 11, plus selection for the Great Britain World Cup party to visit Australia during the summer, completes a wonderful record-breaking season for Lewis Jones, ex-Wales Rugby Union star now with Leeds Rugby League Club.

Jones has already set up a new scoring record for Leeds this season. He needs only 14 more points to pass Jim Sullivan's biggest-ever total of 430 points in a Rugby League season. He has kicked 102 goals and scored 31 tries.

## RETIRED

Vernon Ransford, who played 20 Test matches for Australia, is retiring from the secretaryship of the Melbourne Cricket Club. At 72 he is a sparsely built, graying man, whose quiet courtesy has always made visitors at home. Lately his health has not been good. Ransford was in England with M.A. Noble's team of 1909 and won the Test Match at

Lord's with an innings of 143 not out.

Frank Coultas will referee the FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Aston Villa at Wembley on May 4. But if the League hadn't changed a rule last summer Mr Coultas would not be there. He is over the Football League's limit of 47. He was retired at the end of last season but came back when granted a year's extension.

Low Road, Lawn Tennis Champion of Italy, France, Germany and Wimbledon, leaves Australia by air on April 16 for his assault on further

titles. He will compete in Naples, then move on to Britain for the British Hard Courts Championships. There, he will be joined by his tennis wife, Jennifer.

Tom Finney is England's Footballer of the Year for the second time. He is the first man to win the Football Writers' Association trophy twice. Tom, who won his 64th international when he led England's attack against Scotland recently—is the man who switched from outside right to centre-forward and boosted Preston from near the foot of the First Division table to Championship challengers.—London Express Service.

## THE GAMBOLES



## BARRY AND BOB



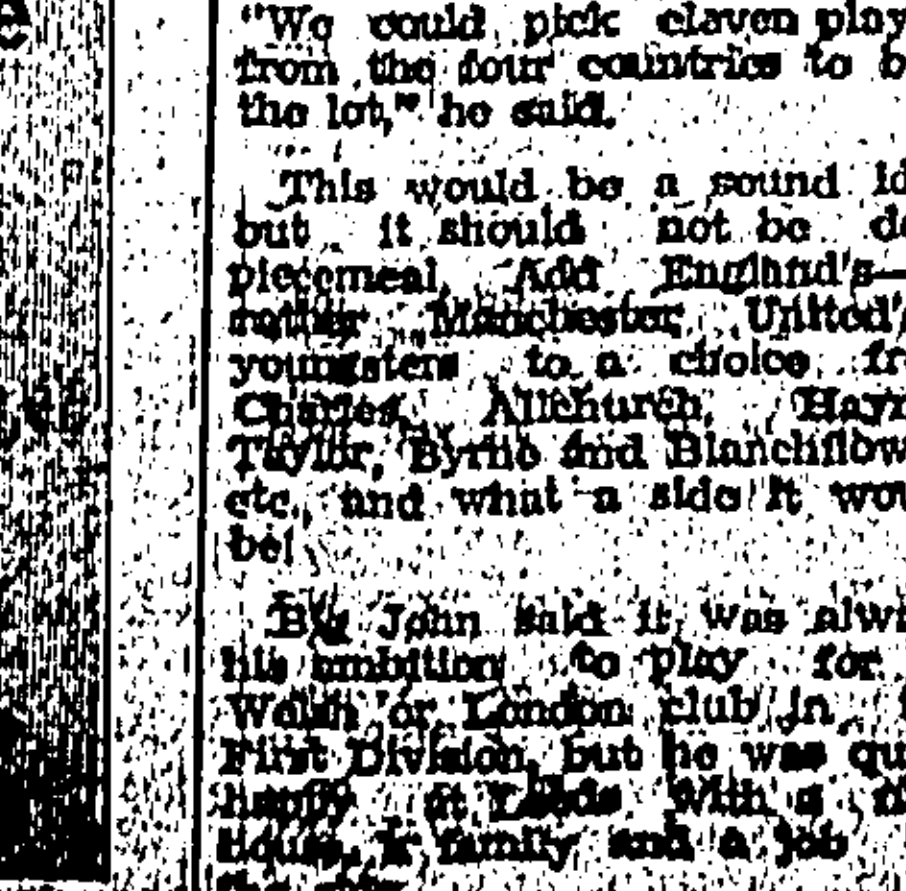
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## SEE-SAW OF JORDAN POLITICS

### Country's Future Depends On The Situation In Syria And Egypt

By RUSSELL THOMAS

Beirut, Apr. 15.

The decision of Jordan to exchange ambassadors with the Soviet Union, followed a few days later by the resignation of Suleiman Nabulsi's government, highlights the see-saw drama of politics now being played in Jordan.

That Dr Hussein Fakhri Khalidi has been asked to form a new government suggests the King's anti-Communist policy will be pursued. Suleiman Nabulsi nearly resigned when the question of recognising the Soviet Union first met a cool reception from King Hussein. Near crisis reigned in Amman for some days but at the crucial point General Ali Abu Nawar, Commander of the Jordan Arab Army and architect of the coup d'Etat which dismissed Glubb Pasha, intervened. After a meeting with the King and a two-hour emergency session of the Leftist Jordan Cabinet, Nabulsi emerged smiling to say: "All is well." The decision to recognise Russia was announced.

Now, once again, it seems that something has gone wrong. What apparently happened during the first of these crises was that the King had resisted the decision for some days but was persuaded, in the interests of internal stability, it was better to yield to the government. He did so, but on condition that recognition of Russia would not exclude the acceptance of Western aid. Nabulsi told the Egyptian news agency, M.E.N., that Jordan would take aid from either East or West. But he added, significantly—and the King is hardly likely to welcome this addition—that Jordan would not be unfriendly to Russia for the sake of Western policy.

#### Nation's Policy

In its simplest form, Jordan policy comes down to this. The King is a nationalist with strong reservations about Egyptian policy and the trustworthiness of Russian intentions in the Middle East. But his government supports to the hilt the policy of President Nasser. They came together in their desire to emancipate themselves from the ties of the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty and the King went with the government in accepting the promise of a £12,500,000 subsidy from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria to replace the financial aid formerly given by Britain.

This question of aid must be seen against the background of Jordan's geography. It is almost entirely desert with limited dry farming on sparsely watered slopes of the hills. Nearly half its population are refugees from Palestine, crowd-

ing on the fringes of the towns or packed in camps on the West bank of the Jordan. The old country of Trans-Jordan, with its Bedouin tradition, is separated physically by the deep sub-sea rift of the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea and almost completely by the difference of mentality in the thinking of its people, from the refugees and the assimilated townsmen brought up under the British Mandate in Palestine.

But East bank and West bank alike have lived continuously on charity, for the country has little natural wealth either in minerals or agricultural produce. It has an adverse balance of trade of nearly ten to one. It was artificially created after the last World War to provide a throne for the great old Hashemite King Abdullah and has been kept until this very month by funds remitted from Britain.

At the outset King Hussein wanted subventions from Iraq as well as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia to replace the British subsidy. But owing to the sharp division in Arab politics between Egypt and Iraq this proved impossible. Reluctantly, and under pressure from his own nationalists, and above all in deference to the politicians of the West bank who are now a dominant influence, he agreed to take the money from the anti-Iraq faction.

#### Refugee Camps

But he has reservations about the ability of Syria and Egypt to pay the £7,500,000 which constitutes their share of the subsidy. For that reason he has kept the door open to aid from the USA and to the British development subsidies which fall outside the old treaty. He started an anti-Communist campaign and, over the heads of his government, took administrative action through the Ministry of Interior to stop the distribution of Tass bulletins and Communist literature in Jordan. More recently he sent the chief of the Royal Cabinet to Syria to advise the Syrian President to curb the pro-Communist activities of his government.

His policy has been greatly resented by his own Cabinet Ministers, and the demand for the recognition of Soviet Russia was in a sense a challenge to the King and a trial of strength. That temporary victory was short-lived but the tension remains, now more acute than ever.

The latter group are prepared to agree that neutralism is a policy worth trying but they believe also that Egypt is losing its independent position by becoming too dependent economically and politically on the Soviet bloc. They consider that their own government's slavish imitation of Egyptian policy will produce even graver results for Jordan, because the refugee camps are a natural breeding-place for Communist subversion and the country's economic weakness leaves it valuable to Egyptian policy.

#### Left And Right

In this situation, it is a curious fact that the Saudi Arabian King, after a life-time of opposition to the Hashemite Royal Family of Jordan, is rapidly becoming a balancing factor. Although Saudi is committed to the Egyptian-Syrian axis, he has joined with Camille Shamoun, the anti-Communist President of Lebanon and supporter of the Eisenhower Doctrine, in a statement against international communism. King Saud himself has refused Soviet, arms and Soviet aid; he has cast foot in the Egyptian camp and one foot firmly in the Western camp from which he derives his oil revenue. There is little doubt that when King Hussein sent the chief of the Royal Cabinet to Syria he

was doing it with the knowledge of King Saud, who had also sent an envoy to Damascus to warn President Kuwntly that Arab nationalism was neutral and not, as the Syrian Government was tending to make it, in alliance with Russia.

All reports from Syria indicate that a struggle for power between the right and the left is in full swing. The struggle is now on in Jordan.

Jordan's future may in the end be decided by the situation in Syria and Egypt. If Egyptian policy brings its own economy to such a low ebb that it cannot continue to support Jordan financially, the effects will be disastrous for large numbers of ordinary Jordanian people whose only desire is to have enough to eat and to be left in peace. The Arab world is watching closely the results of the pledge of aid to Jordan.

Similarly, if the Right Wing triumphs over the Left in Syria, it will greatly strengthen the King of Jordan in dealing with the Leftists in his country. That testing time is close at hand.—NFS.

### Thorneycroft With The Budget



Taken outside 11 Downing Street last Tuesday, this picture shows the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, accompanied by his wife leaving for the House of Commons to present his Budget.—Reuterphoto.

### Frau Krupp Files Hotel Fraud Suit

Los Angeles, Apr. 15.

The former wife of the German munitions czar, Alfred Krupp, today filed a million-dollar fraud suit in Superior Court over her investment in the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frau Vera Krupp, 47, brought the action against 47 defendants involved in financing of both the old Las Vegas Hotel and its successor, the New Frontier. She charged that the hotel's promoters induced Louis

Mancho, on whom she relied for advice, to persuade her to invest in the New Frontier.

The suit contended that she advanced \$185,000 and that the defendants planned to have her invest \$250,000 more.

She contended that this was designed to place her in a position where she would have to take over the hotel with all its liabilities to protect her investment. As a result of this, the suit charged, she has been besieged by the hotel's creditors and by the Federal Government for taxes.—United Press.

## BELGRADE WORKERS' NIGHT CLUBS ARE IN THE RED

By JOHN EARLE

Belgrade, Apr. 15.

The few "night clubs" in the Yugoslav capital are running into financial difficulties and the workers' collectives who run them are discussing what to do about it.

The city of half a million inhabitants has limited night life to offer in the Western sense of the term.

Two bars, the Kristal and Lotos, present cabarets and stay open until three or four o'clock in the morning. A third bar, with dancing only, is operated in its basement, by one of the main hotels, the Malesic, and from the shape of the room is popularly known as the "snake pit."

Like all commercial firms and economic enterprises in Yugoslavia, Kristal and Lotos are run by the workers' collectives through their workers' councils, with the day to day executive management in the hands of a director who is appointed by the municipality.

#### Losses

During a nine-month period, Lotos found that its losses amounted to 620,000 dinars (£738) and Kristal to 2,700,000 dinars (£3,220).

These losses were registered despite the fact that the staff in both, in an effort to reduce costs, had accepted cuts on their earnings ranging from 20 per cent to 40 per cent. Prices were also, on the average, 10 per cent above last year's, while the margin of profit on a drink was 400 per cent.

One proposal under discussion is that fewer foreign artists should be engaged for the cabarets, because they require much higher payment than Yugoslavs.

While Lotos mainly relied on Yugoslavs, Kristal throughout 1956 engaged foreign artists for its twice nightly programmes, thinking that these would attract more customers. Most of the artists came from Italy, West Germany and Austria, with a few from Eastern European countries, like Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The Kristal management was criticised in the press because

during October and November, it engaged a Hungarian dance band for the, by Yugoslav standards, huge monthly sum of 550,000 dinars (£774). The band, nevertheless, brought more customers, one of its attractions being that it introduced "rock 'n' roll" to Belgrade.

#### Merger

Another suggestion is that the three bars should merge under one management and stage only one cabaret show between them in rotation, while the others limit themselves to dancing. There are not enough Yugoslav artists to keep three cabarets going. Belgrade has no music hall or variety, though there has been talk of opening one in 1957.

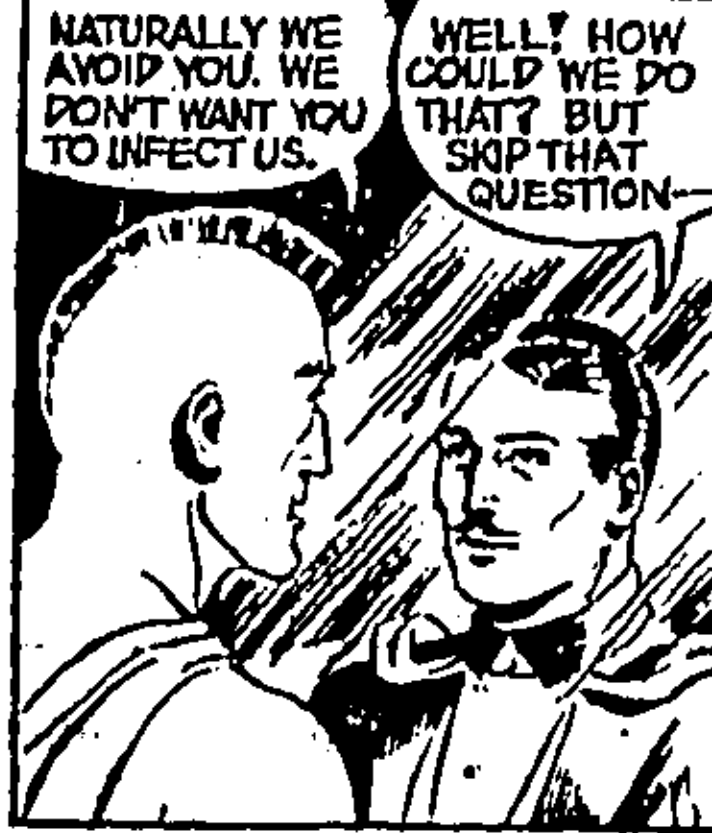
To a foreigner, one of the reasons for poor business appears to be the small intake. Bars are full enough, especially on Saturday evenings and at the beginning of the month (Yugoslav wages are paid monthly), but many people at the whole evening over one vermouth or one olivovica (plum brandy).

The price of a drink is not high by night club standards. But in Yugoslavia, where the average monthly salary is only 12,000 dinars (about £14.68), many customers would not come at all if prices were higher. People in Belgrade seldom go out and spend money freely, except, perhaps, on January 15, New Year's Eve under the old calendar still used by the Serbian Orthodox Church.

The Yugoslav Government, unlike the authorities in Poland, Hungary, or Czechoslovakia, recognises neither Christmas nor Church festivals. The mid-winter holiday here is officially celebrated on January 1 and 2 (by the "new" calendar).—China Mail Special.

### MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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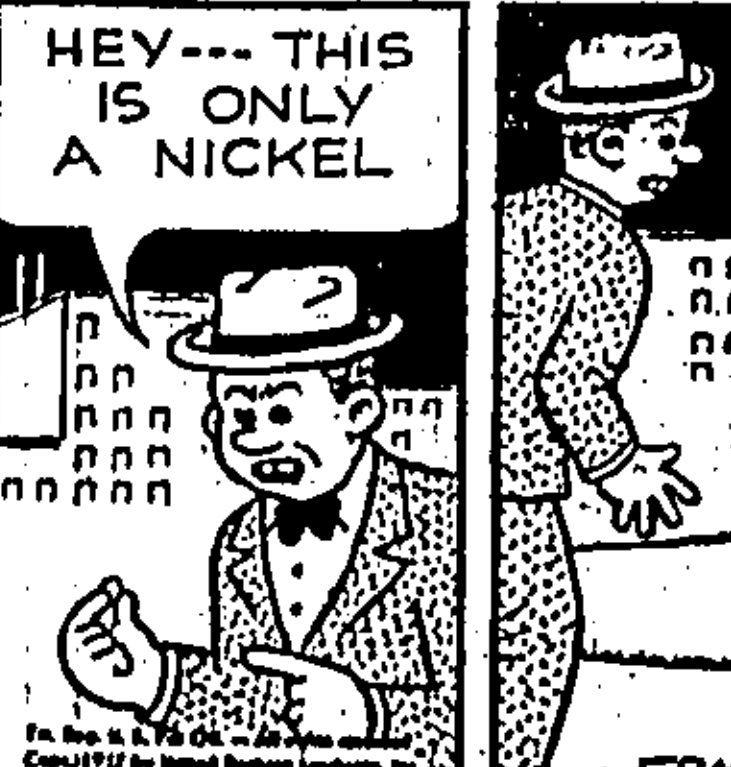
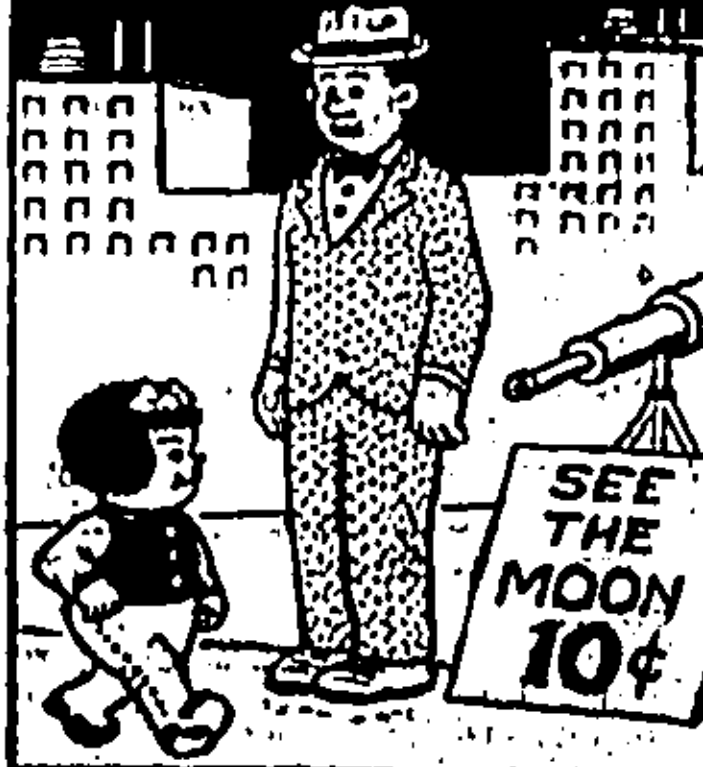
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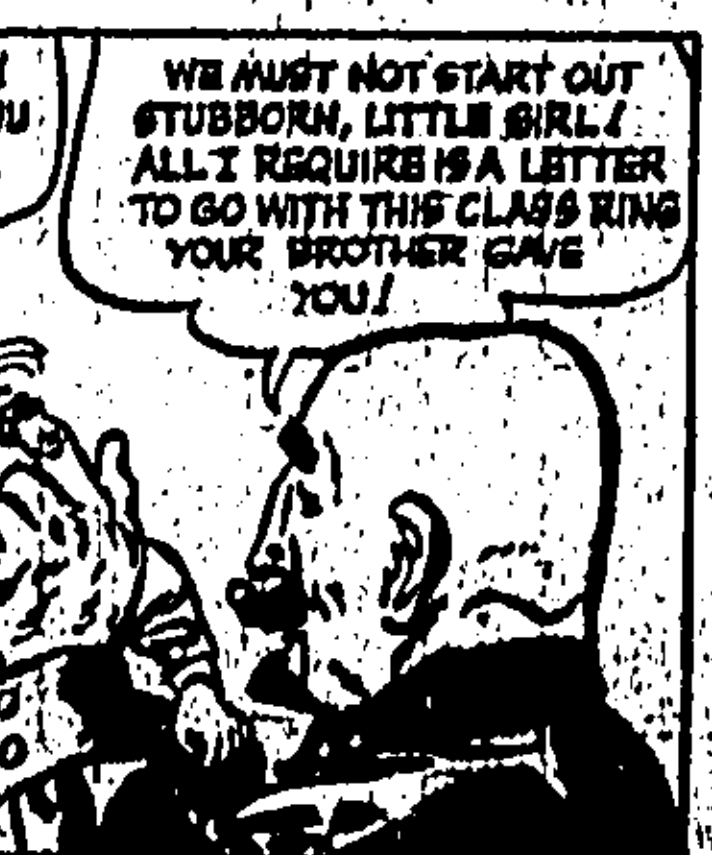
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**ROWNTREES SMARTIES**

### JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



...this situation calls for a **San Miguel**



## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## BUDGET PROPOSALS ANALYSED

Nothing To Encourage  
Industrial Output  
Nor Curb Inflation

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Apr. 15.

At a press conference immediately after the Budget speech, American correspondents asked Mr. Enoch Powell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, how he would sum up the Budget for a newspaper headline.

Mr. Powell thought for a moment and said: "It would depend on which newspaper I was writing it for."

Next morning newspaper readers took their pick from the following:

"A little bit off the top"

"Daily Mail."

"The top brass Budget"

"News Chronicle."

"It means more for those with most"

"Daily Herald."

"Cheer 'em up Budget"

"Daily Mirror."

"Pet's pop bills"

"Daily Sketch."

"The pet ahead Budget"

"Daily Express."

"Relief for carried in-

comes over £2,000"

"Daily Telegraph."

Whatever it was, it was not a Budget to arouse deep passions. Chancellor, Thorpe, decided that he would do and went ahead and did it. If his Budget appeared to be the work of a Tory that is because he is a Tory. At least he resisted temptation to catch votes.

If he had been inclined to take risks, Mr. Thorpe could have produced a popular Budget. Reduced Government expenditure and rising revenue gave hope of a £340 million "ordinary" surplus in the Budget accounts before the tax changes. A weaker Chancellor might have decided to "give away" more than a mere £100 million of this in tax reliefs. He could certainly have distributed them differently.

## The Mass

But Mr. Thorpe concentrated on helping the upper middle-class whose income is £2,000 a year and over. The mass of the people got very little indeed. A third of what they are supposed to save because of lower purchase tax on household goods will go to pay the higher cost of television licences. Nor are they likely to save much on the higher income tax allowances for older children. Many—possibly even most—working-class men who qualify for this relief do not earn enough to pay income tax in any case.

These criticisms have of course been made—and made vehemently—by the Socialists. But they miss the point of what Mr. Thorpe was trying to do. In giving a quarter of all tax reliefs to the surtax payers, he was not only taking long overdue action to shed a little of the load from the heavily taxed community in the world—he was also displaying good economic sense.

"Our objective is opportunity and expansion," said Mr. Thorpe. "A tax system which offers the minimum inducement to those with the maximum responsibility is inconsistent with this aim. The starting point for surtax represents the income margin of the very rich whose activities and decisions do most to determine our rate of economic expansion. In their hands rests for good or ill much of the future of the national economy."

But given the amount of which it was decided prudent to reduce the prospective surplus question is not whether this was the right place to concentrate personal tax reliefs but whether there should have been any personal tax reliefs at all.

## Give Away

Few quarrel with the decision to exempt United Kingdom registered companies which operate entirely overseas from United Kingdom income and profits taxes. That reform was also long overdue. Nor does anyone object to the decision to remove entertainment duty from the living theatre and sport. These two proposals alone account for over a third of the cost of the revenue of all the Budget concessions.

Within his own estimated margin of safety, this Mr. Thorpe went with something in the region of £60 million to "give away" in this financial year. For any reasonable man not quite bonkers it was all emergency measure that was

WORLD  
RUBBER  
MARKETS

New York, Apr. 15.  
Raw rubber contract closed today 35 to 50 points lower with sales of 40 contracts.

May	31.20
July	31.45
Sept.	31.70
Nov.	31.95
Jan.	32.20
Mar.	32.45
May	32.70
July	32.95
Sept.	33.20
Nov.	33.45
Jan.	33.70
Mar.	33.95
May	34.20

Standard contract closed 35 to 50 points lower with no sales.

Lower London—Singapore advices, plus the continued difference of domestic consumers and liquidation before the Easter weekend holidays helped the trend. Most of the limited business represented intra-dealer adjustments. Shipments were moderate but prices too high to interest local buyers. Spot No. 1 RSS was quoted at 31 1/2 cents.

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was easier. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif May as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.62 buyers

No. 2 rubber 2.50 buyers

No. 3 rubber 2.37 buyers

No. 1 crepe 2.50 buyers

SINGAPORE

The market was very quiet and uneventful today. There was a slight Australian enquiry with most operators idle. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb. May 92 1/2-93 1/2

No. 2 rubber per lb. May 90 1/2-91 1/2

No. 3 rubber per lb. May 87 1/2-88 1/2

Spot rubber unbleached 91 1/2-92

Blanket crepe 82-83 1/2

No. 1 pale crepe 92-93 1/2

LONDON

The rubber market was quiet with spot quoted at 27 1/2 pence, down 1/4 of a penny. Prices:

Settlement house term 27-27 1/2

May 27-27 1/2

July/Sept. 27-27 1/2

Oct./Dec. 27-27 1/2

General market, cif basis, ports:

April, May and June 28 1/2-29 1/2

Estimate crepe this May 28-29 1/2

United Press.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET

New York, Apr. 15.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 2 to 30 points higher with sales of 2,000 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 340 contracts.

Strength in the raw market, and an expanding foreign demand, brought broadcast covering and commission house buying as the world contract reached new highs.

The United Kingdom reportedly purchased 60,000 tons of Cuban with the price to be based on the average spot price for May/October. Dealers expected Germany to buy another 30,000 tons of raw about mid-week. France also was expected in the market for about 35,000 tons.

Contract No. 4 (world)

May 6.22

July 6.25

September 6.28

October 6.30

March 6.32

May 6.35

July 6.38

September 6.40

October 6.42

March 6.45

May 6.48

July 6.50

September 6.52

October 6.55

March 6.58

May 6.60

July 6.62

September 6.65

October 6.68

March 6.70

May 6.72

July 6.75

September 6.78

October 6.80

March 6.82

May 6.85

July 6.88

September 6.90

October 6.92

March 6.95

May 6.98

July 7.00

September 7.02

October 7.05

March 7.08

May 7.10

July 7.12

September 7.15

October 7.18

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